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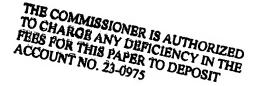
METHOD OF INTRODUCING NUCLEIC ACID

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 25, 2008, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks:



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